

Claim Amendments:

1. – 84. (Canceled).

85. (Currently Amended) A home media system comprising:
network;

coupled to said network, a plurality of media devices comprising a plurality of different types of media objects comprising media, said plurality of media devices comprising a video device comprising video objects, an audio device comprising audio objects, and an image device comprising image objects;

acquisition storage set-top box, coupled to said network, ~~for configured for:~~
acquiring a plurality of different types of media objects comprising video, audio, and image objects from the plurality of media devices;
storing a the plurality of different types of media objects executable files, the executable files comprising video, audio, and image files; and
organizing the plurality of different types of media objects based on the type of media object; and

control/playback set-top box, coupled to said network, ~~comprising a media playback module and a media control module, said media control module for configured for:~~
accessing, across said network, at least one ~~executable file media object~~ from said acquisition storage set-top box; and

~~for running at least one of a plurality of media applications that provide functionality, through a user interface, to play media, said plurality of media applications comprising a video application for playing video media, an audio application for playing audio media, and a photo application for viewing image media, said media playback module for executing said executable file; and~~

receiving a first request for a first media object;
retrieving, across said network, said first media object from said

acquisition storage set-top box;

running a first media application for playing first media in said first media object;

receiving a second request for a second media object;

retrieving, across said network, said second media object from said acquisition storage set-top box; and

running a second media application for playing second media in said second media object, wherein said first and second media applications are run simultaneously and said first and second media are played simultaneously; and

plurality of client devices, coupled to said control/playback set-top box, the plurality of client devices comprising a display client device for displaying said user interface for said media application and for displaying video or image media and an audio client device for playing presenting audio media.

86. (Currently Amended) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said acquisition storage set-top box ~~further for acquiring said executable file external to said network is further configured for acquiring a plurality of different types of media objects comprising video, audio, and image objects from a content server that is external to said network.~~

87. (Canceled)

88. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said control/playback set-top box comprises a personal computer system.

89. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said playback module of said control/playback set-top box comprises a frame buffer.

90. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising a personal digital assistant (“PDA”) for receiving user input to control said control/playback set-top box.

91. (Canceled)

92. (Canceled)

93. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, further comprising:

digital device for accessing digital data stored on a digital medium; and
device interface, coupled to said digital device, for decoding said digital data and
for transmitting said digital data on said network.

94 – 114. (Canceled).

115. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 85, wherein said audio client device is configured to only play audio media and not being configured to display video or image media .

116. (Previously Presented) The home media system as set forth in claim 115, wherein said audio client device comprises a stereo system.

117-131. (Canceled)

132. (New) The home media system of claim 85, wherein:

said video device comprises a video disc recorder or a digital video disc player;
said audio device comprises a compact disc player; or
said image device comprises a digital camera.

133. (New) The home media system of claim 85, wherein said control/playback set-top box is further configured for receiving, from a remote control, a user request for a particular media object and for extracting a unique identification of the remote control from the user request, said unique identification being used to restrict access to the particular media object.

134. (New) The home media system of claim 85, wherein:

said first media object comprises a video object and said first media application comprises a video application; and

said second media object comprises an audio object and said second media application comprises an audio application.